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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

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FOR ARA DEPUTY ASST SECRETARY BUSHNELL AND HEWITT

FOLLOWING REPEAT SANTO DOMINGO 2632 ACTION SECSTATE
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTO DOMINGO 2632

EO 11652 GDS

TAGS: PINT, PEPR, DR

SUB: MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ELECTORAL PROCESS

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 2617, & 2624,

1. WHILE AMBASSADOR WAITING TO SEE PRESIDENT BALAGUER, DCM REACHED FOREIGN SECRETARY JIMENEZ AT HIS OFFICE AT 10:30 AM. TO DISCUSS LATEST DEVELOPMENTS. JIMENEZ CLAIMED NOT TO BE COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH SITUATION. DCM EMPHAIZED SERIOUS USG CONCERN AND MADE SPECIFIC POINTS IN PARA 3 OF STATE 123668. JIMENEZ SAID HE UNDERSTOOD ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD SOON BE MADE OF LATEST VOTING BALANCE. IN RESPONSE DCM'S QUERY, JIMENEZ SAID HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GENERAL PEREZ Y PEREZ AND RUMORS RE HIS DEATH AND ARREST WERE FALSE.

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2. RADIO HAS BEEN TRANSMITTING STATEMENT OF ARMED FORCES SECRETARY BEAUCHAMPS THAT MILITARY WOULD RESPECT ELECTION RESULTS (SEE SEPTTEL).

3. INDICATIONS FROM CONTACTS EMBASSY HAS HAD THUS FAR ARE THAT MILITARY AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE SEEKING PORTRAY THE SITUATION AS NORMAL, TO JUSTIFY THEIR MOVE AT JCE AS

REACTION TO SOME INCIDENTS AND DESIGNED PREVENT EXULTATION
OVER EARLY RESULTS FROM GETTING OUT OF HAND, AND TO GIVE
IMPRESSION THAT REGULAR COUNTING OF RESULTS BEING RESUMED.

4. AMBASSADOR LEFT PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE AT 11:30 A.M. AT
SUGGESTION OF PRESIDENTIAL AIDE, WHO SAID, PRESIDENT BALAGUER
WOULD RECEIVE AMBASSADOR DURING COURSE OF DAY AT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE.
YOST. UNQUOTE VANCE

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